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March 24, 2003

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445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: "REQUEST FOR WAIVER
CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21

Review Request for E-Rate Funding Year 4 & Year 5

The district has received "rejection" notification from USAC regarding Application Numbers 247609 and 337932 for the years 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 respectively. (copies attached) We request FCC consideration of our waiver request

The district has participated in the E-Rate since its inception and the funding received has allowed a significant advancement in technology to be realized. As a result of human oversight, the filing deadlines were missed for the years identified. Please refer to the attached copy of the original Appeals Letter for additional clarification.

Thank you for your consideration of our request and please contact the undersigned if further comment is required.

Sincerely,

Wayne J. Azon

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January 17, 2003

Letter of Appeal
Schools and Libraries Division
Box 125 - Correspondence Unit
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Whippany, NJ 07981

E-Rate Funding: Year 4 & Year 5

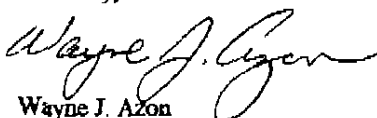
Your assistance is sought as to opportunities to apply for funding related to the subject years. As you can imagine, I was astonished and distressed when told that funding for Year 4 would be at 50% of anticipated and Year 5 would be "zero" due to late filing in the earlier year and failing to file in Year 5. Conservatively, this is an \$18,000 Loss to our District.

This shortfall significantly diminishes availability of resources in the ongoing provision and expansion of programs as outlined in our 5 year Technology plan. The District has not only sought all available new monies, but actively pursued cost reduction/avoidance on existing services as evidenced by the substantial savings realized by switching long distance service providers and the implementation of a wireless network which allowed a substantial reduction in lease line costs. This network was made possible in great part by community & local industry donations and is a reflection of the intense pride our rural community has in its schools. This was reinforced by incredible community support by 4:1 in a recent school construction referendum. E-Rate funds allow local tax receipts to be reallocated toward increased technology resources in our classrooms e.g. reinforcement, bilingual, and special ed software; and technology kiosks.

We petition your assistance in gaining the opportunity to submit an application in the event that monies for the subject years have not been fully Committed. At your suggestion, review of many of the FCC Orders pertaining to waivers has been accomplished.

Thank you for your consideration of this appeal and we sincerely appreciate the funding assistance we have received since program inception.

Sincerely,


Wayne J. Azon



Universal Service Administrative Company
Schools & Libraries Division

Administrator's Decision on Appeal

March 4, 2003

Curt Gustafson
Genoa-Kingston School Dist 424
100 School Street
Kingston, IL 60145

Re: Application Number: 247609
 Funding Year: 2001-2002
 Date of Issuance of 486
 Notification Letters: 02/20/2002
 Date Appeal Received: 01/21/2003

Our records show that your appeal was received **more** than 60 **days** after the date your Form 486 Notification Letter was issued (see dates above). The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules require applicants to submit appeals **so** USAC/SLD receives them within 60 days of the date that the relevant Funding Commitment Decision **Letter** was issued. (See "Appeals Procedure" at <http://www.sl.universalservice.org/reference/AppealsProcedureYR4.asp>) The FCC rules do not permit the SLD to consider your appeal. If you **wish** to continue this process, you may **submit** a **new** appeal via the United States **Postal** Service, stating the impediment to your filing your appeal within the original time, to the FCC **at the** following address:

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC **20554**

If you **are** submitting your appeal to the FCC by means other **than** the United States Postal Service, check the SLD web site for more information. Please reference CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21 on the **first** page of your appeal. **The FCC must RECEIVE your appeal WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE ABOVE DATE ON THIS LETTER** ~~Or~~ your appeal to be considered filed in a timely fashion. Further information and new options for filing an appeal directly with the FCC can be found in the "Appeals Procedure" posted in the Reference Area of the SLD web site, www.sl.universalservice.org, or by contacting the Client Service Bureau at 1-(888)-203-8100.

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Administrator's Decision on Appeal

January 27, 2003

Wayne J. Azon
Genoa-Kingston Community Unit School District
941 W. Main St.
Genoa, IL 60135

Re: Application Number: **327932**
 Funding Year: **2002-2003**
 Date of **Issuance of {RejectionLetter**
 Postcard **Notification/Funding**
 Commitment Letter]: **05/21/2002**
 Date Appeal Received: **01/21/2003**

Our records show that your appeal was received more **than 60 days after** the date your Form **471** Certification-Rejection Letter was issued (see dates above). The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules require applicants to **submit** appeals **so** USAC/SLD receives them **within 60 days** of the date that the relevant **Funding** Commitment Decision Letter was **issued**. (See "Appeals Procedure" at <http://www.sl.universalservice.org/reference/AppealsProcedureYR4.asp>) The FCC rules do not permit the SLD to consider your appeal. If you wish to continue **this** process, you may submit a new appeal via the United States Postal Service, **stating the impediment** to your filing your appeal within the original time, to the FCC at the following address:

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